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LA HABRA HEIGHTS COUNTY WATER DISTRICT, ROWLAND WATER DISTRICT AND ORCHARD DALE WATER DISTRICT WATER-WHEELING AGREEMENT UPDATE

On March 3, 2018, Rowland Water District (RWD) filed suit against La Habra Heights County Water District (LHHCWD). The complaint is based on a water-wheeling agreement entered in 2012 between LHHCWD, RWD, and Orchard Dale Water District (ODWD). This agreement stipulates that RWD may pump water through LHHCWD's and ODWD's joint facilities in return for monetary compensation.

Disputes originally arose regarding LHHCWD's contentions that RWD had overestimated its costs for producing water. This in turn would affect future water-wheeling payments under the terms of the agreement. In addition, concerns arose that RWD's alleged costs lacked documentary support.

A subsequent dispute arose from RWD regarding the scope of categories billed for under the agreement, and how they should be billed going forward.

LHHCWD, its directors, and staff have sought to resolve these issues for over two years with RWD's counterparts. While progress was being made, RWD filed suit. An amicable resolution of these issues continues to be sought, albeit in a litigation setting. If the disputes cannot be resolved, trial is scheduled for May 28, 2019.